DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS’ intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency’s functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by January 7, 2019.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. Electronically. You may send your comments electronically to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for “Comment or Submission” or “More Search Options” to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number __________, Room C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:


2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov.

3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786–1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Parham at (410) 786–4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Standards Related to Reinsurance, Risk Corridors, and Risk Adjustment; Use: The data collection and reporting requirements will be used by HHS to run the permanent risk adjustment program, including validation of data submitted by issuers, on behalf of States that requested HHS to run it for them. Risk adjustment is one of 3 market stability programs established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and is intended to mitigate the impact of adverse selection in the individual and small group health insurance markets inside and outside of the Health Insurance Exchanges. HHS will also use this data to adjust the payment transfer formula for risk associated with high-cost enrollees. State regulators can use the reporting requirements outlined in this collection to request a reduction to the statewide average premium factor of the risk adjustment transfer formula, beginning for the 2019 benefit year, and thereby avoid having to establish their own programs. Issuers and providers can use the alternative reporting requirements for mental and behavioral health records described herein to comply with State privacy laws.

Form Number: CMS–10401 (OMB control number: 0938–1155); Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 700; Total Annual Responses: 17,287; Total Annual Hours: 5,770,621. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Ernest Ayukawa at 301–492–5213.)

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the Off-Cycle Submission section of the HPMS MOC module to review changes made to an approved MOCs by SNPs. It is the responsibility of SNPs to notify CMS of significant changes to their MOC in HPMS. NCQA will conduct a review for CMS to determine if the changes made to a MOC are consistent with the overall approved MOC before SNPs may implement the changes.

The Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) of 2018 Section 50311 modified the MOC requirements for C–SNPs in section 1859(b)(6)(B)(iii) of the Act. Specifically, section 1859(b)(6)(B)(iv) requires that beginning in 2020 and subsequent years, C–SNPs will submit MOCs annually for evaluation and approval. SNPs are a specific type of Medicare Advantage coordinated care plan that provide targeted care to individuals with unique special needs. Form Number: CMS–10565 (OMB control number: 0938–1296); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Private Sector (Business or other for-profits, Not-for-Profit Institutions); Number of Respondents: 354; Total Annual Responses: 354; Total Annual Hours: 1,856. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Donna B. Williamson at 410–786–4647.)

The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to discuss its duties and information for a draft outline on recommended best practices for States to follow in combating the sex trafficking of children and youth based on multidisciplinary research and promising, evidence-based models and programs. The Committee members will remain in Washington, DC, on December 11, 2018, to conduct internal subcommittee meetings and a fact-finding site visit.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC, 20201. Space is limited. Identification will be required at the entrance of the facility (e.g., passport, state ID, or federal ID).

To attend the meeting virtually, please register for this event online: https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opit/resource/nacagenda1218.

For Further Information Contact: Katherine Chon, Director, Office on Trafficking in Persons, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at EndTrafficking@acf.hhs.gov or (202) 205–4554 or 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC, 20201. Additional information is available at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opit/partnerships/the-national-advisory-committee.

Supplementary Information: The formation and operation of the NAC are governed by the provisions of Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of federal advisory committees.

Purpose of the NAC: The purpose of the NAC is to advise the Secretary and the Attorney General on practical and general policies concerning improvements to the nation’s response to the sex trafficking of children and youth in the United States. The NAC is established pursuant to Section 121 of the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113–183).

Tentative Agenda: The agenda can be found at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opit/resource/nacagenda1218.

To submit written statements or RSVP to attend in-person or make oral statements, email Ava.Donald@acf.hhs.gov by November 19, 2018. Please include your name, organization, and phone number. More details on these options are below.

Public Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b) and 41 CFR...